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THE
INDEPENDENT
Published Every Thursday.
COLLEGEVILLE, MONTG. CO., PA.

... E. S. MOSER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. ...
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1900.

AN honest man in public office is not to be guaged by a Quay or an anti-Quay collar.

POLITICAL problems, like other problems, solved by gush and sentiment, or by passion and prejudice, are usually solved the wrong way.

THE Independent Republicans and the Democrats, of Philadelphia, have united their forces in the formation of a fusion ticket.

It will require considerable campaign boodle to offset the damaging effects of that "no trusts" speech of Mr. Hanna. But Mr. Hanna has an idea where he can obtain the boodle.

It has come to pass that the re-election of President McKinley depends to a considerable extent upon the ability of Mark Hanna to keep his mouth shut. Mr. Hanna manages to lose his head without giving his jaws a vacation.

DURING Monday of this week no less than eighty-three warrants were issued in Philadelphia for the arrest of violators of the pure butter law. That's business, and it is the kind of business that should be vigorously prosecuted just so long as there is any business to be done.

GOVERNOR STONE has appointed William P. Potter, of Pittsburg, as Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice Green. Mr. Potter is reputed to be ripe in legal experience and to possess in full the necessary qualifications for the highest judicial trust.

THE time will come when serious differences arising between capital and labor will be adjusted by means of arbitration, based upon legal procedure. Then both sides will be compelled to state their grievances and employers and employees will be required to abide by the decision of impartial arbitrators.

THE extensive strike of the coal miners continues, and over 100,000 men in the coal regions are idle. The latter part of last week a riot occurred in the Shenandoah district; the mob was fired upon by a Sheriff's posse and several persons were killed. Since then State troops, under Gobin, are preserving the peace in that section of the State. A continuation of the strike for a month or two will result in a coal famine and disastrous losses.

WM. DEHAVEN, of Limerick, Republican candidate for the Legislature, should be elected by a handsome majority. His neighbors and friends will rally to his support because he is capable, honest, deserving. Factional politics caused his defeat two years ago, and another defeat from the same cause would be both unfortunate and unjustifiable. The voters of Limerick and of the whole upper end, should make an especially strong effort to elect Mr. DeHaven.

LAST Sunday, at Mansfield, Ohio, a mob seized two men, tarred and feathered them, and then paraded the victims around the town. The offense the men thus treated were guilty of was preaching doctrine not in harmony with the prevailing religious sentiments of Mansfield. They were elders of the Dowieite faith-cure sect. Such conduct on the part of the Mansfieldians was a flagrant exhibition of barbarism. Action of this kind is calculated to remind humanity that credulity and ignorance are dangerous guides, have always been, will always be, such.

A CLERGYMAN, of Vineland, N. J., recently went to the State of Maine to ascertain if prohibition really prohibits. He traveled in disguise as a gay man of the world, and succeeded in accumulating considerable information which he sums up as follows: "I conclude I might say that I believe that no more flagrant violation of liquor laws can be found in the United States than in Maine. The good old State is dishonoring the illustrious name of her great prohibition reformer, Dow, whose home was in the very town where the laws are most frequently set at naught—Portland."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21, 1900.—War is again threatened in China. Just when everybody thought that progress was being made toward the opening of negotiations between the powers and China for a peaceable settlement, the Emperor of Germany, throwing a bomb into the council by demanding that the Chinese officials responsible for the attacks upon foreigners be punished before negotiations are opened. If that demand is backed by the powers it means war, as China cannot possibly comply with it. The nature of the answer sent by this government to Germany's request for endorsement of the demand is not known; but it is known that this government will not participate in a war on China. It is therefore presumed that the answer was not favorable. The Chinese Minister to the U. S. is so worked up over Germany's demand that he has dropped his usual diplomatic reticence and talks with much freedom of it. Among other things, he said: "I am indeed surprised at this action of the German government. The circular imposes impossible conditions, and is nothing more nor less than notification of the proposed dismemberment of the Empire. According to the terms laid down, I myself may be liable to be beheaded because some government selects me as a probable leader attached to the Chinese government. The note is evidently directed at the Dowager Empress and Prince Tuan, and, as both are members of

the government, to punish them as suggested would be to leave the Empire without government. It is merely a scheme to delay peace negotiations and an attempt on the part of Germany to place the small end of the wedge of dismemberment into an intended breach to be made by these suggestions." This is extraordinary language for a diplomat to use publicly, but the Chinese Minister evidently regards it as an extraordinary occasion.

The Census Bureau had up to today counted 50,000,000 inhabitants and the count is now covering a million a day, at which rate it will be completed about October 20. Director Merriam declined to make an official forecast of the total, but said his personal opinion was that it would be about 76,000,000.

A New York business man, just returned from an extended European tour, in the course of a conversation in Washington, talked interestingly of the growth of American trade in Europe and incidentally dropped a sensible pointer for those who control our foreign policy. After noting the superiority of American electrical goods of all kinds and the preference that is given them all over Europe, he said: "In many other lines America's trade with Europe has been greatly increased during the past two years, and the possibilities of the future are almost without limitation. Our commercial masterhood of the world is a thing of the near future, and only a suicidal policy can delay its consummation. We not only want to keep out of war, but we want to keep

other nations out of war. Nor do we want a policy that will make us rich while it impoverishes other peoples. Live and let live should be our motto. If other lands are prosperous, we will prosper, because they must come to us to buy. We cannot expect to sell everything and buy nothing, but we should see to it that the balance of trade continues in our favor."

Senator Hanna's Chicago speech has stirred up all the politicians in Washington, but it pleases the opponents of Mr. McKinley, which is more than can be said of its effect upon his supporters. The Republicans are not, of course, rushing into print with their criticism, but it is an open secret that they think Mr. Hanna made a big mistake in saying that he did not believe there was a single trust in the U. S. The most conservative of them also regret that he should have used such words as "hypocrite," in speaking of Mr. Bryan. He is credited with having quoted the words as having been spoken by Senator Hoar, and Mr. Hoar, who was in Washington when the Hanna speech was published, at once made a statement, in which he said: "I do not think Mr. Hanna can be correctly reported. Certainly, if he be, his recollection is in error if he thinks that I used the words or sentences he attributes to me. I did not say that Mr. Bryan was a hypocrite in that language or that I purposed myself to unmask anybody. I would not think it in good taste to apply this epithet to a candidate for the Presidency and the leader of a great number of my countrymen, who, though I regard them as mistaken, are still sincere and patriotic." It is true that Mr. Hoar's statement lost its value as a Bryan campaign document when he added: "I would not think it in good taste to put the statement in the language which is attributed to me, but, after all, the difference in substance between that and what I did say, and what I have said elsewhere, and propose to say in the campaign, will not seem to anybody of great importance." It is said that several prominent republicans have requested the President to try to keep President Hanna from making any more speeches. Mr. Bryan's supporters say they ask nothing better than that Mr. Hanna should go on doing such talk.

An Interesting Clock.

Messrs. William Potts & Sons, the well-known clock makers of Leeds, England, have just constructed for that city what is claimed to be the greatest horological achievement of the century. The clock is a huge one, and in it are combined many features of the most remarkable clocks in the world, such as those at Bernese and Strasbourg Cathedral. The huge clock dial, which is of polished copper with the figures inscribed upon it in blue, is flanked upon either side by a mail-clad knight, each holding above his head a battle-axe, which serves to strike the gongs at the quarters and hours. Above the clock, upon a kind of perch, stands a large cockerel. In front of the dial is a platform. When the quarters of the hour are reached the mail-clad knights strike their gongs. Immediately on the left hand side of the dial a door opens automatically, and there issues forth a British soldier in full uniform. When he reaches the center of the platform he salutes in precise military manner. He then passes on to the left, and is followed by a killed Highlander, who repeats a similar performance when he reaches the middle of the platform. Then comes an Irishman in the old dress of his country, brandishing a shilleagh; then a Canadian boatman with his paddle, and finally, a Hindoo, wearing his turban and loin cloth. When the figures have passed round the platform they disappear from sight through another door, which closes automatically upon the last figure's exit. Then the cockbird overhead flaps its wings, raises its head, and gives three lusty crows. The figures are manufactured of copper bronze, while many of the other parts of the clock are constructed from gun metal. The escapement is the double three-legged gravity by Lord Grimthorpe, who is probably the greatest living authority on clocks and bells.

About Nebraska.

Nebraska has no bonded debt. The last bonds outstanding were redeemed and canceled June 2, 1900. During the past twenty years the wealth of Nebraska has increased 155 per cent.

Statistics show that in Nebraska only 31 people out of 1,000 cannot read or write. This is the best showing made by any state. Eighty per cent. of Nebraska farmers own the land they farm. In Nebraska originated Arbor Day. In a single year Nebraska planted 66,937,497 forest trees.

In the whole United States, 722 out of every million inhabitants are convicts. In Nebraska alone the rate is only 363 in every million.

In 1898 1,100,000 sheep were fattened for market in Nebraska.

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The Great Ararat Ascent.

The Ararat Mountains in Armenia comprise two peaks situated seven miles apart. They are known as Great and Little Ararat, and are respectively 17,260 and 14,320 feet above the plain. They partially belong to three countries, Russia, Turkey and Persia. The mountains are covered on the tops with perpetual snow, ice and glaciers. The summit of Great Ararat was reached in 1829 by Prof. Parrot, and on September 2, 1900, a member of the Russian Geographical Society named Pezzenpohl ascended the peak with a considerable party. The difficulties of the ascent are very great, and a successful expedition will be welcome news in geographical circles. Ascents are rare, having been made in 1834, 1843, 1845, 1850 and 1856. Little Ararat is even more difficult to climb, as its declivities are greater and steeper, its form being almost conical. It is believed to be the spot where the ark rested, but there is a tradition that Mount Judi in southern Armenia was the spot. The mountain is of volcanic origin and was in eruption in 1785, and in 1840 there was a vast discharge of sulphurous vapors from its sides, and a tremendous earthquake shook the surrounding country. There is considerable literature devoted to the mountain.

One of the Heroes of Galveston.

One of the heroes of the Galveston storm is Dr. I. M. Cline, United States weather observer at Galveston. In his eyrie at the top of the new Improvement and Loan Association building Dr. Cline observed the weather and at 12 o'clock noon sent out warnings over the city that a disastrous storm was indicated. At this time the wind began to blow. By 4 o'clock the wind gauge was smashed. An hour earlier Dr. Cline, realizing that an unparalleled hurricane was approaching, had gone out through the city on the southern beach, frantically imploring the people to leave their homes and flee to the center of the island. A few accepted the advice, but the majority would not believe the water could submerge and raze their homes. Dr. Cline had no time to explain. The outside world must be told that Galveston was near her doom. The telephone and telegraph systems were wrecked. The only way to send a message to the mainland was by the bridge over the bay. Dr. Cline, starved, thirsty, and worn, urged his friends to go home and save his family. "We will be cut off from the world and with need aid," he cried, "and I must leave you here, a hurricane, reaching the station just before the cable parted. Returning to the street where he lived Dr. Cline found his house gone and his wife and one child washed away and lost. Neighbors had saved three of his children.

Met a Powerful Rival.

The American walnut, which has long been such a favorite wood in England, has met a powerful rival which threatens to supersede it in the English markets. The Cape laurel wood, a report upon which has recently been prepared under the authority of the Imperial Institute of London. This new wood is very like saw wood, but planes easily and turns well, while the polish that is imparted to its surface is extremely brilliant. It is of a fine rose color, and possesses a pretty figure. There is one very prominent peculiarity in this wood that causes the workmen to sneeze violently and continuously while operating it, even with the saw.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca (Ill.) News, was afflicted with Piles and a doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world. He writes: "I was wholly cured. Infallible for Piles. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by J. W. Culbert, Druggist."

AN ORDINANCE Providing for an Increase of Indebtedness of the Borough of Trappe, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, which the proceeds of such increase of debt shall be devoted to relieving and extending the expenditure thereof.

WHEREAS, It is deemed advisable and to the best interest of the citizens, that the Borough of Trappe, Pennsylvania, be authorized to increase its indebtedness by the issue of bonds, and to the end that the proceeds of such increase of debt shall be devoted to relieving and extending the expenditure thereof.

AND WHEREAS, It is expedient and impossible to raise a sufficient amount of money by taxation, by reason of conflicting claims in such cases made for the same, and it is therefore necessary that a loan of ten thousand dollars be authorized, and that the proceeds of such loan be used to permanently relieve the indebtedness of the Borough of Trappe, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, by the issue of bonds, and to the end that the proceeds of such increase of debt shall be devoted to relieving and extending the expenditure thereof.

Enacted and Enacted by the Borough of Trappe, in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, that the proceeds of such increase of debt shall be devoted to relieving and extending the expenditure thereof.

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St. Paul's Memorial Protestant Episcopal Church, Evansburg: Rev. B. J. Douglas, rector. Services: Every Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.; Sunday School at 10:30 a. m.; also Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. August and September: Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Shenandoahville, every second Sunday at 7:30. Bible school, Sundays at 8:30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. R. Brodhead, pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching, 10:30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 2 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Lower Providence Baptist Church. Preaching services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. every Sunday. Rev. Wm. Gorman, pastor. Bible school, 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30. Shenandoahville, every second Sunday at 7:30. Bible school, Sundays at 8:30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Sunday School at 8:45 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor, prayer meeting, Sunday at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting, Sunday at 6:45 p. m. Congregational prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend the services.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, Rev. N. S. Larson, pastor. Services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. J. P. Rowland, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m.

Home and Abroad.

—This

—Country will soon

—Be saved for four years more.

—After the expenditure of much

lung and other power.

—Aside from politics, read I. P.

Williams' advertisement.

—Don't forget the fruit festival

on the M. E. church lawn, Evans-

burg, next Saturday evening.

—Elwood Gounsbrough, living

with H. H. Robinson, near Perki-

men Bridge, is slowly recovering

from a severe attack of typhoid

fever.

—There will be a number of

speed contests at Kinwood driving

park next Saturday, October 4.

—The 21-acre farm of the late

Henry D. Swartley, of Skippack,

was sold public auction, Wednesday

to C. W. Rosenberg for \$100.

—A Galveston benefit perform-

ance will be given at the Opera

House, Norristown, this Thursday

afternoon, by local talent.

—L. B. McFarlan, of Wagontown

Chester county, threshed 215 bush-

els of oats from three acres of land.

—An East Nantmeal, Chester

county, farmer shot and killed a

which measured six feet ten inches

from tip to tip of wings.

—Ground has been broken for a

new silk mill at Pennsburg.

—Because of the miners' strike

one of the Loxford, Chester coun-

ties has had a large order com-

manded.

—D. H. Casselberry, of Lower

Providence, has had his herd of

cattle deboned.

—County Superintendent R. F.

Hoffecker visited the Collegeville

schools last Friday.

—The new Chester County In-

mate Asylum cost \$130,000.

—Active work has begun lead-

ing to the construction of the much-

talked of electric road from Pho-

enixville to Bridgeport.

—It is said there are few shell-

barks and walrus hides at the

present time and the crop of these

nuts will be a failure.

—The squirrel season will open

on October 15. It is unlawful to

shoot squirrels prior to that date,

and a heavy penalty is provided by

law for each offense.

Copper Wire stolen.

During Friday night the four

wires of the Keystone Telegraph

and Telephone Company, between

Yorkford and Linerick, were cut

down for the distance of a

mile and stolen. There is no clue

to the guilty party.

Coming Mass Meeting.

The republican mass meeting in

F. J. Clamer's park, this borough,

on Thursday evening, October 4,

will open the campaign earnestly

this section of the county, and a

large attendance is anticipated.

Should the weather prove unfavor-

able the meeting will be held in

Bouvet's hall, opposite the park.

Larger Tax Collections.

County Treasurer Henry W. Hal-

lowell announces the following totals

Left For Lehigh University.

David Garber, of Upper Providence, left Monday morning to enter the Lehigh University at South Bethlehem, where he will take a course in electrical engineering.

Free Masons at Perkiomen Bridge.

Wednesday evening of last week about 60 Free Masons, of Roxbury, enjoyed a banquet and a good time in general at Bower's Perkiomen Bridge hotel.

Nominated for City Treasurer.

Frank A. Hartranft, Esq., who is well known to some of the readers of INDEPENDENT, has been nominated for City Treasurer of Philadelphia by the Democratic party. He would be pleased to hear of his election.

Buggy Damaged.

Saturday morning last proprietor Bower of Perkiomen Bridge hotel had his team standing in front of the Norristown Trust Company Building, Norristown, when a passing vehicle struck his buggy and damaged it to a considerable extent.

Norristown Markets.

Saturday's quotations: Peaches, 20 to 40 cts.; apples 12 to 20 cts.; cantaloupes 4 for 25c; lima beans 15c; grapes 10 and 15c; basket; cauliflower 10 to 25c; basket; butter 32c; chickens 16 and 18 cents; eggs 25 cents a dozen.

Sold His Road Horse.

E. G. Brownback, the store merchant of Trappe, has sold his fine sorrel road horse to Edward Thomas, of Roversford. The animal, a stylish stepper, was purchased of J. H. Schaefer, of Gratedford, last spring. We think friend Thomas has a good one.

Death.

Gertrude, daughter of Albert and Carrie Brown, of near Eagleville, died of dysentery Thursday, aged 2 years. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon; interment at Lower Providence Presbyterian cemetery. Undertaker J. L. Bechtel had charge of the remains.

A Charitable Gift.

At a meeting of the Methacton Literary Society of Lower Providence, held September 22, the collection raised, amounting to \$5, was unanimously donated to the Galveston sufferers. On a previous occasion this society donated the same amount to Charity Hospital, Norristown.

A Social Event.

Wednesday evening of last week twenty-seven members of the Lutheran Aid Society of Roversford were conveyed in a large wagon to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Williams at Ironbridge, where several very pleasant hours were spent. Music, games, and plenty of refreshments were features of the event.

Republican Rally.

A mass meeting will be arranged by the Republican State Committee to be held in Norristown on Tuesday evening, October 2. The local managers have secured the court house for the occasion. The list of speakers announced includes Governor Stone, Attorney General Ekin, Col. M. S. Quay, Congressman Marriott Brosius and others.

Insects in Wheat.

A number of the farmers of this county are making the discovery that an insect of some kind is playing havoc in the wheat grain. They make the discovery when the threshing begins and the winged insects pour out in swarms, leaving hollowed out and worthless grains of wheat. Last year Bucks county farmers had similar trouble.

New Pastor on Duty.

The "Pottstown Ledger" of Monday says that Rev. J. J. Carver, of the past of St. Paul's Reformed Church, this borough, occupied his pulpit on Sunday and preached interesting sermons to appreciative audiences. He promises to become a valuable spiritual shepherd of St. Paul's flock. For the present Rev. Mr. Carver will continue to reside in Collegeville.

Fall Opening at Collegeville Millinery.

The latest styles of fall and winter hats, trimmed and untrimmed, will be on exhibition at the Collegeville Millinery on Saturday, October 6, and a full line of trimmed hats will be kept on hand throughout the season. Thankful for past patronage the undersigned hopes to merit a continuance of the same.

Mrs. LUCIMAN.

A Family Reunion.

On Sunday morning, September 23, 1900, all the children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren, about fifty in number, gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Campbell, of Arcolia, in honor of their grandfather's birthday. He has been sick and helpless for the past three years, but has now regained his strength somewhat, and he desired to see all his children on his birthday, and his desire was gratified, and a delightful day was enjoyed by all.

Street Ordered Closed by a Jury.

The road jury in the matter of closing Third street, Bridgeport, after the last of the testimony was taken Friday afternoon in the court house, Norristown, decided that the street should be vacated on the ground that the P. & R. crossing at that place made it dangerous. The members of the jury were Messrs. H. W. Kratz, Wallace Boyer, and Daniel F. Quillman. The portion of the street vacated is known as the Eastern road and has been used for years past by residents of Upper Merion as a short cut into Bridgeport. It was there some years ago that members of the Eastern family were killed in a horrible grade crossing accident.

The Bravery of Women.

Was grandly shown by Mrs. John Dowling of Butler, Pa., in a three years' struggle with a malignant stomach trouble that caused distressing attacks of nausea and indigestion. All remedies failed to relieve her until she tried Electric Bitters. After taking two months, she wrote: "I am now a healthy woman, and I feel that I truly a grand tonic for the whole system. I gained in weight and feel much stronger. I sleep better, my appetite is improved, and I feel much better." Sold by Druggists, 75 cents. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Fall Communion at St. Luke's.

Holy communion services will be held in St. Luke's Reformed church. Trappe, next Sunday morning. Preparatory services will be held on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday evening the quarterly missionary meeting will be held under the direction of the W. M. S. The names of speakers and singers from a distance appear on the program. The public is familiar with the excellent character of these services. They are always interesting and edifying. All are welcome.

Special Low Rates to Gettysburg.

There will be an excursion over the Perkiomen and Philadelphia and Reading Railways to Gettysburg next Sunday, September 30, that will afford all opportunity to visit the greatest historic battlefield in Pennsylvania, and one of the greatest in the world. Round trip tickets \$1.50, from either Oaks, Collegeville, Ironbridge, Gratedford, or Schwenksville. The excursion train will leave Collegeville at 5:30 a. m. Leave Gettysburg at 6 p. m. A good chance to go to Gettysburg at a very reasonable cost.

Peculiar Condition of a Pottstown Man.

The strange case of Edward Strough, a young man of Pottstown, is puzzling the doctors of that vicinity. On Friday young Strough was found unconscious in the field of farmer William Kulp, in East Convent, Chester county. He was removed to Kulp's house and has been lying there ever since. Dr. Strough's father and sisters visited him, but he did not recognize them. There were no marks of violence upon him, and physicians are unable to assign a cause for this peculiar attack of coma.

Sly Old 'Coon Shot.

For years past both professional and amateur 'coon hunters have been talking about a monster 'coon with headquarters at Green Hill, over in Skippack or Worcester—we are not sure which. The 'coon had been told inspired numerous Nimrods to do their level best to capture the animal that had been pictured to be of great proportions. Last Saturday night Ed. Cleaver, of Lower Providence, was particularly 'coon' and brought down the prize. Ed. says "it weighed 14 pounds, but was big enough to weigh 25" in reference to the stories of the past in relation to his bigness!"

\$2,000 Damages.

In the suit for \$5,000 damages claimed by Allen T. Keeler, of Roversford, against the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, the jury of arbitration Friday afternoon awarded \$2,000 damages. The testimony taken before the jury at the residence of Samuel K. Anderson, Wallace Boyer, John E. Brecht, J. F. Brendlinger, Henry S. Kulp, Daniel V. Meschter, and George C. Hollenbach, showed that the railroad company had appropriated sufficient of Mr. Keeler's land adjoining the railroad to construct a siding. Mr. Keeler is a brick manufacturer and attached considerable value to the strip of land taken by the Railroad Company.

Rural Mail Routes.

Postmaster Brownback, of Norristown, has received orders from the First Assistant Postmaster General that the established rural free delivery from the Norristown post office to the residence of Mr. J. J. Carver, of the past of St. Paul's Reformed Church, this borough, occupied his pulpit on Sunday and preached interesting sermons to appreciative audiences. He promises to become a valuable spiritual shepherd of St. Paul's flock. For the present Rev. Mr. Carver will continue to reside in Collegeville.

16th Anniversary.

About six hundred persons were present at the Schwenksville celebration of their "Gedächtnis Tag," or forefather's day in the Kraussdale meetinghouse, near Pennsburg, on Monday. The event commemorated the 16th anniversary of the landing in America of the followers of Casper Schwenkfeld in 1743, and the quaint festival was observed as it has been for many years and included the old-time repast of bread, butter and apple, served in the pews at noon. The simplicity of the food is intended to recall the privation of the forefathers, a similar repast having been served on September 24, 1884, when the Kraussdale meetinghouse was dedicated. The historical sermon in German, taking theme from Matthew 27: 28, 29, interesting addresses were given by E. C. Meschter, of Worcester; E. G. S. Johnson, a student of Hartford Theological Seminary; Rev. A. N. Stubblebine, of Philadelphia; Rev. H. B. Garrison, of Philadelphia; Julius F. Sachse, Esq., of Philadelphia; Rev. Jonas V. Shultz, of Quakertown, and Rev. O. S. Kriebel, pastor of the Kraussdale church.

Yerkes and Vicinity.

David Jones has completed the various improvements to his residence and premises, on the road leading from Collegeville to Phoenixville. He now has a model dwelling house.

Mrs. Mary and Miss Susan Gotwals are visiting relatives in Norristown.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Krist, J. M. Hendren and Andrew Pfeiffer, and Miss Kathryn Randel, returned to the Allentown Fair last Thursday. They had a very enjoyable time.

Wm. B. Logan is improving slowly.

Mrs. Charles Williams visited her parents on Sunday.

FROM OAKS.

A building boom has struck Mont Clare, and with the organization of a fire department an engine and hose house will be required, and the next in order a borough. Chester Spare will build two brick houses, and Albert Schaefer will build a house for himself and an Italian built a house back of 'Squire Sowers' property.

Here at Oaks Mrs. Richardson will build an addition to her house, for more room, as Miss Isabella Price, surviving daughter of Rev. Isaac Price, will take up her residence here.

The Pennsylvania Schuylkill Valley R. R. have a force engaged removing the thorn, or Osage Orange fence from the west side of Brown's Lane, and when the lane is put in proper condition it will be the biggest improvement around Oaks and Perkiomen.

Oaks was well represented at the

URSINUS COLLEGE OPENS.

CHANGES IN FACULTY—Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION—FOOT BALL PROSPECTS FOR THIS SEASON.

Ursinus College opened its thirty first year with appropriate exercises in Bomberger Memorial Hall Wednesday evening of last week. Professor Edwin J. Houston, of Philadelphia, delivered the annual address to the students. Rev. H. A. Bomberger, of Philadelphia, sang a bass solo, and Miss Wilson, of the Broad Street Conservatory of Music, Phila., gave two piano selections.

A number of changes have been made in the faculty of the institution. Professor C. Ernest Dechant, a graduate of Princeton, who has lately had charge of the college preparatory department of the Normal School, has been elected Dean of Ursinus Academy. Miss Gertrude F. Bunnell, formerly a member of the faculty of the National College of Dramatic Art, Philadelphia, will be at the head of the department of elocution. Martin B. Stubbs, Ph. D., graduate of Harvard, and John Hopkins, has been chosen as instructor of physics and Professor of the College of Arts and Sciences, Lafayette College, N. J., as instructor of the piano.

The annual reception of the college Y. M. C. A. to the new students was given in Bomberger hall on Saturday evening. The program, including addresses by Carl G. Petri, the retiring president, and John Alexander, the newly elected president; a vocal solo by Miss Edith Bunnell, a reading by Miss Bunnell, was followed by a number of guessting contests. Prizes were awarded to Miss Tillie Gristick and Miss Mary Stoner. Refreshments were served.

Quincy Couck, of the foot ball team, is getting his men into shape for hard work. They have been practicing regularly since the opening of the term. Following is the schedule as arranged by Manager J. H. 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FOR ALLENTOWN—Week days—7:14, 10:08 a. m.; 5:17, 8:36 p. m. Sundays—8:30 a. m.; 7:30 p. m.

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LEAVE PERKINSON JUNCTION—Week days—7:00, 9:51 a. m.; 2:55, 6:30 p. m. Sundays—8:18 a. m.; 7:23 p. m.

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Leave Atlantic City Depot: Weekdays—Express (4:45 Mondays only). 7:00, 7:45 (5:30 minutes). 9:00, 10:15 a. m.; 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 p. m. Accommodation 7:15 a. m.; 4:30 p. m.

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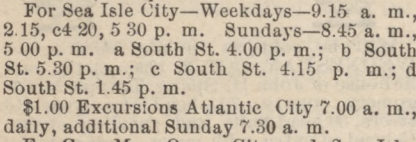
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FARM AND GARDEN

SCIENTIFIC CLOD CRUSHING.

Drags Designed to Save Labor and Do Good Work.

Fig. 1 represents an ordinary quickly knocked together plank drag. In contrast to which an Ohio Farmer writes sketches a scientific clod crusher (Fig. 2) which by reason of rational shape and facility of use will enable a man to work with about one-third the call on himself and team for physical strength. He says:

In making a drag if four 2 inch planks—say eight inches wide—are used

the drag needs to be made shorter as regards length of the planks than if three 1 inch boards each six inches wide are used, and also that on many hands a short and heavy drag is preferable to a longer and correspondingly lighter one. There are also different ways of lapping the planks of boards so as to get best results on the land to be smoothed or to suit the preference of the maker. In Fig. 3 are given sectional views of four different methods. Section A has three 4 inch slanted boards on front and rear, the middle 4 inch or two 6 inch boards in middle laid on flat on the cross scantlings. As will be seen, if the drag is drawn from point a the slanted boards will run over the clods and if from b will run against them, the middle boards serving to smooth the surface. If made as in B, the drag drawn from either direction will run against the clods at the front, on top at the middle and over them at the rear. If like C, it will exactly reverse this operation, the front third of drag slipping on top of clods and the rear against them. If like D, and drawn from slanted end, the first set of boards slip over the clods, the middle set run against them and the rear set slip on top and smooth the disturbed surface.

If six 4 inch slanted and three 4 inch or two 6 inch middle boards are used, the total width of drag will not exceed three feet, and the farmer may use those of proper length to make the drag of the required weight—say six to eight feet. Again, if all 6 inch boards are used the drag will be about 4½ feet wide, etc.

Any form of the drag, except B, may be improved by beveling front edge of first slanted board, as should be done with the middle and rear boards. In C, the cleats, broad side down, having them about six to eight inches apart and slanted from front center toward each end. On the rear plank an arrangement of utility in an old crosscut saw blade bent and bolted on, as illustrated at B in the second cut, which also shows manner of applying the cleats in front planks. A.

For the farmer, however, who prefers a drag not so scientifically constructed C shows a folding slab float that in its class can't be beat. To make it two good 9 foot slabs as nearly uniform in width and thickness the whole length as possible are required. Cut into six equal pieces and spike two pieces of inch half wood boards six inches wide on flat sides of each, two slabs at ends, making three sections of

DETAILS OF DRAGS—A SLAB FLOAT.

The drag, which hinge together crosswise by iron hooks. Attach an old wagon or sleigh pole for tongue, and put a malleable iron drag pin, which will be a little over nine feet wide. If desired, 12 foot slabs may be used, cutting into 4 foot sections. This drag adapts itself to uneven ground and may be folded up to go through narrow places.

Sweet Clover in Arid Regions.

A Missouri correspondent of Kansas Farmer urges the claims of Bokhara or sweet clover and cites the experience of a Nebraska who states that his cattle will eat the hay in preference to any other hay and that he considered it one of the best forage plants in existence for the arid regions of the west.

As to its becoming a pest, he affirms that it can never do so, because "it is a biennial and dies down root and branch every year. It is not necessary to kill it out to see that it is not permitted to go to seed. It is one of the best renovating plants known to modern agriculture, and soils that will not grow anything else can be reclaimed and made sufficiently fertile to produce other clovers by seeding them to sweet clover. It will kill out all weeds and small bushes and take complete possession of the land, and in a few years the land will not fit to grow anything will be found rich and fertile."

HARVESTING POTATOES.

The Average Farmer's Best Means of Digging and Gathering Them.

Like thrashing wheat with a flail, the digging of potatoes with a hoe has passed into disrepute among all progressive farmers. During recent years the machine potato digger has been much improved until today it is used with more or less success among the largest potato farmers. It will be many years, however, before the average farmer will be able to find use for the machine digger profitably. It must be left largely to those who are producing potatoes on an extensive scale, says a New England Homestead correspondent.

I have returned to the spading fork as the best means for digging potatoes under all sorts of conditions for the average farmer who does not grow more than about two acres. As compared with a hoe there is practically no comparison. One cannot only dig more potatoes with a spading fork, but he can get them out of the ground in much better condition. By being careful to drive the fork into the soil just back of the hill and bringing it toward the hill with a lifting movement one need not injure a potato, and he may work the fork as hard as he has a mind to.

When using the forks, it works well to have two men side by side and have them throw their potatoes into one row

with the tops the opposite way. In digging this way the tubers are by themselves and convenient to get at. The tops are also rowed.

Some judgment must always be used in digging potatoes. Do not dig so many at one time that you cannot care for them readily. I never uncover more than I can house safely before night. Sometimes I dig during the fore part of each half day and then gather the tubers before quitting. A potato should lie on the ground until it is dry, but no longer. The length of time necessary for drying depends almost entirely on the nature of the soil providing the weather is reasonably dry. In sand soil an hour is often long enough. In moist clay several hours may be necessary.

In gathering potatoes by far the best way is to use crates or bushel measures. These can be easily distributed about the field, and after filling are placed on a wagon and drawn off. I do not believe there is a better way of handling potatoes than by these bushel crates. It will pay every farmer to own 30 or 40 or even a smaller number and use them in gathering such crops. With ordinary care the potatoes are less jammed in the basket. They are conveniently loaded and not difficult to carry and empty. They also furnish a convenient and accurate method of measuring a crop.

Device to Tie Corn Fodder.

A reader sends Ohio Farmer the accompanying description of an appliance that he uses to tie corn fodder in the shock. A is a piece of hard wood 5 feet long, round and tapered to a point. A

FODDER SHOCK BINDER.

The crossbar is solidly fastened upon the large end, and to one side of the middle of this crossbar is stapled a half inch rope with a ring in the free end. Opposite the staple is a strong iron hook. To bind, insert sharp end into shock, pull rope around shock and fasten ring in hook. Tighten by turning as you would an auger and bind with corn-stalks or twine.

Keeping Squashes.

My method has been to place the squashes upon shelves in a well ventilated cellar, says a correspondent of Orange Judd Farmer. The shelves are four feet wide next to the sides of the cellar. The remaining ones are six feet wide, with alley on each side. The first shelf is six inches from the floor, and then they are two feet apart until the ceiling is reached. I use 2 by 4 inch studs for uprights and crosspieces and 1 by 6 inch strips for bottom of shelves. One of these strips is sufficient for the side. The uprights should be placed four feet apart, as the load they have to sustain is considerable. The temperature should be as high as possible without using artificial heat and interfering with good ventilation. This is best accomplished by keeping the cellar closed on very cold days and particularly during periods of foggy and rainy weather. Choose the bright days for opening during the middle of the day.

With the best of conditions and best of care there is quite a loss, and more depends upon time and manner of gathering crop than all else. Because the squash has a hard shell and does not show the effects of a slight frost it is often left too long on the vine. I plan to gather them just before the first frost. This can usually be accomplished if I am ready to put all my help to work as soon as I think a frost is on the way. I pick them and place them in a room about six rods apart, covering them with their own vines. As the weather becomes colder I draw them on truck wagon with springs and hay-rack with about six inches of marsh hay on that. I handle them as carefully as possible, loading only three or four deep on the wagon and carrying them into the cellar in baskets and placing on shelves two deep. I am careful to sort them, using the soft and bruised ones for feed or selling them for immediate consumption.

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